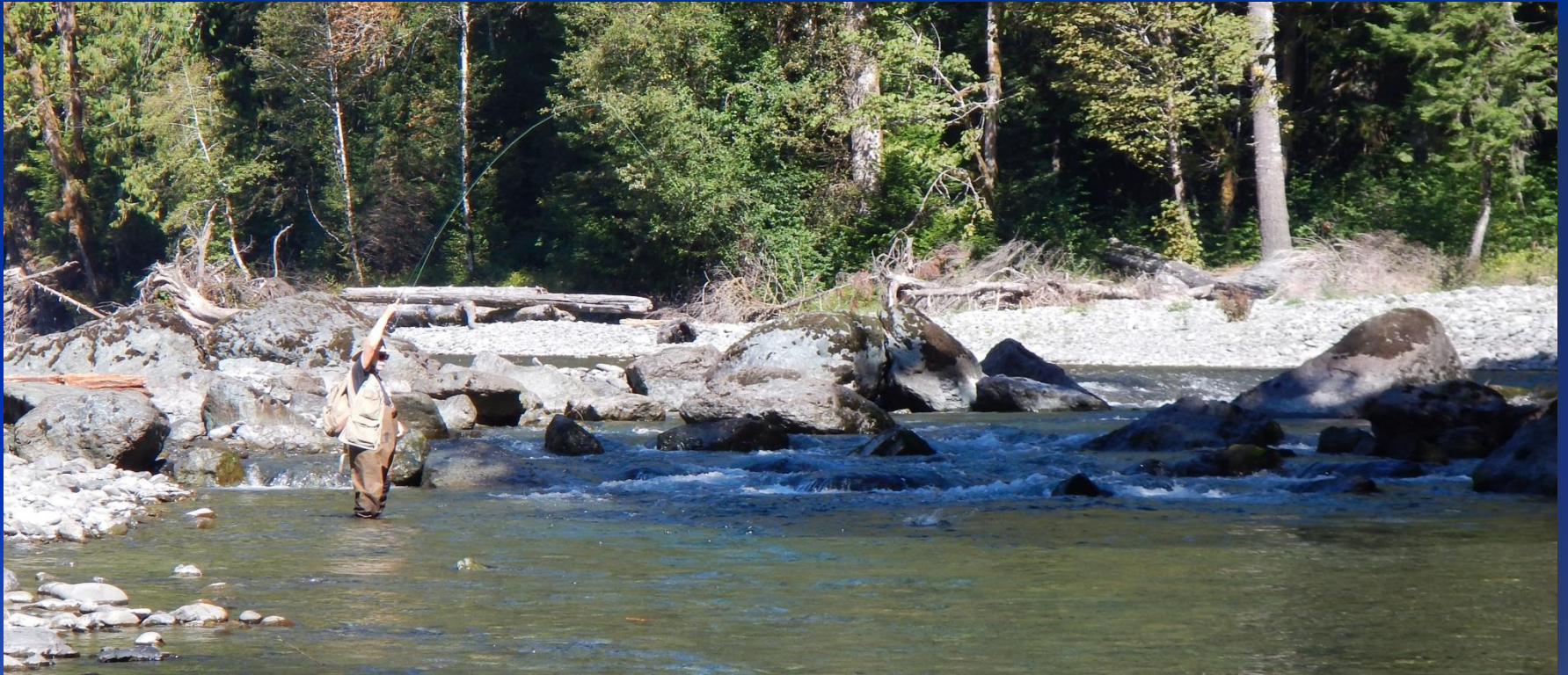


Sportfishing Regulations 2016-2017 Amendments—Rule Action



Fish Program

Presentation Outline

- Rule process & notebook materials
- Sportfishing rules recommendations
- Commission questions
- Main motion
- Amendments
- Adopt main motion

Timeline & Public Involvement

- March Accept proposals
324 proposals received
 - 50 proposals recommended for further consideration
 - 31 proposals not recommended
- August 7-November 12 Public comment received
More than 2950 written comments received
- September 18-19 Brief Commission
- November 13-14 Public Hearing
- December 11-12 Commission action
- July 1, 2016 Rules take effect

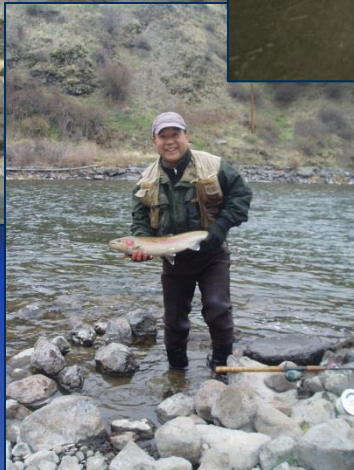
Notebook Materials

- Summary sheet with draft main motion language
- 2016-17 Sportfishing Rule Change Proposals
- CR-102 and recommended WAC revisions
- Supplemental materials

Region Approach

- Cross Region– Chris Donley
- Puget Sound– Annette Hoffmann & Steve Thiesfeld
- Coast– Steve Thiesfeld
- Lower Columbia warmwater– Chris Donley

Cross Region Proposals



Group "A" –Adopt Rules as Proposed

Adopt as presented at the September Commission Meeting

- 3. Remove internal combustion motors prohibition on small streams
- 5. Remove Crappie harvest restrictions
- 6. Remove daily limit on Brook Trout in Western Washington

Group "A" –Adopt Rules as Proposed

Adopt as presented at the September Commission Meeting

- 7. Allow retention of stray hatchery Steelhead
- 8. Adjust Trout harvest regulations for lowland lake fisheries

Cross Region Proposals

Group A Questions?



Group “B” Adopt Rules as Modified

- 1. Technical changes
 - Ebey Lake --2 pole language removed from WAC
 - Remove duplication of 2 pole language in multiple WACs
- 2. Clarify fishing “fly” definition
 - Lead changed to metal
- 4. Allow harvest of Grass Carp
 - Add Duck Lake

Group “B” Adopt Rules as Modified

- 9. Provide additional year-round fishing opportunity
- 11. Modify Trout fishing opportunity in select Western Washington streams
 - Add Cutthroat Trout fishery to North Nemah River
- 12. Increase selective gear fishing opportunity
 - Chain and Martha (Warm Beach) lakes only
- 13. Require mandatory hatchery Steelhead retention
 - Add Dungeness River, Remove Green River

Cross Region Proposals

Group B Questions?



Group “C” Do Not Adopt

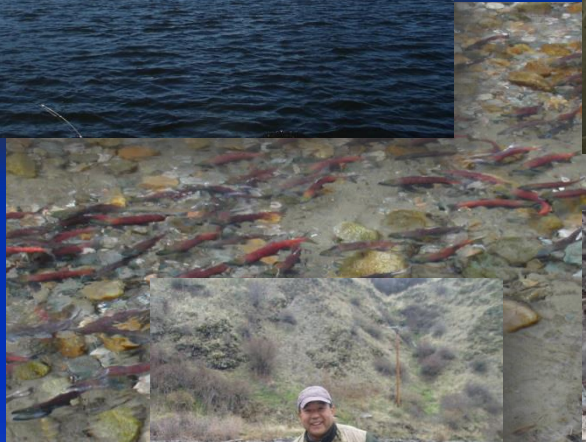
- 10. Increase Trout fishing opportunity in streams
 - There was not significant public support.
 - Department will continue to monitor.

Cross Region Proposals

Group C Questions?



Puget Sound Proposals—Regions 4&6



Group "A" –Adopt Rules as Proposed

Adopt as presented at the September Commission Meeting

- 14. Increase fishing opportunity in Lake Washington ship canal (King Co.)—expand to area currently closed
- 15. Pass Lake (Skagit Co.): Allow 2-pole opportunity
- 16. Rattlesnake Lake (King Co.) Allow Trout harvest

Group "A" –Adopt Rules as Proposed

Adopt as presented at the September Commission Meeting

- 17. Clear Lake (Pierce Co.): Increase Kokanee daily limit
- 18. Collins Lake & Stump Lake (both Mason Co.): Adopt statewide rules & harvest limits
- 19. Baker Lake (Whatcom Co.): Decrease Kokanee and eliminate Trout size limit

Group “A” –Adopt Rules as Proposed

Adopt as presented at the September Commission Meeting

- 20. Blackman’s Lake (Snohomish Co.): Increase Trout limit—from 3 to 5 and no more than 2 over 15”
- 21. Ross Lake (Whatcom Co.): Adjust Trout fishing rules
 - Increase size limit to protect native Rainbow Trout and liberalize regulations on Brook Trout

Group "A" –Adopt Rules as Proposed

Adopt as presented at the September Commission Meeting

- 23. Thornton Lake & Thornton Creek (Whatcom Co.): No limit on Westslope Cutthroat
- 26. Sammamish Lake (King Co.): Remove hook restrictions
- 27. Alder Reservoir Tributaries & upper Nisqually River (Thurston Co.): Increase Trout harvest opportunity and simplify WAC language

Group "A" –Adopt Rules as Proposed

Adopt as presented at the September Commission Meeting

- 28. Adjust fishing rules on Whatcom Creek, Skagit & Cascade rivers –reduce season to protect Salmon and Steelhead
- 29. Whatcom Creek (Whatcom Co.): Open a portion of the creek to fishing and improve juvenile opportunity
- 30. McAllister Creek (Thurston Co.): Adjust selective gear rules

Group “A” –Adopt Rules as Proposed

Adopt as presented at the September Commission Meeting

- 31. McClane Creek (Thurston Co.): Trout catch and release
- 33. Newhalem Creek (Whatcom Co.): Adjust fishing rules – Steelhead protection (stream strategy)
- 34. North Fork Nooksack River (Whatcom Co.): Close a portion of this stream –prevents confusion due to shifting boundaries

Group "A" –Adopt Rules as Proposed

Adopt as presented at the September Commission Meeting

- 35. Skagit River (Skagit Co.): Adjust fishing rules –aligns gamefish and Trout seasons
- 36. Minter Creek (Pierce/ Kitsap Co.) : Close to Trout fishing
- 37. Snoqualmie River (King Co.): Adjust Trout season dates & harvest limits –clarifies rules in overlap

timeframe

Group "A" –Adopt Rules as Proposed

Adopt as presented at the September Commission Meeting

- 38. Skagit River (Skagit Co.): Convert a portion of the river to catch & release Trout fishing
- 39. Stillaguamish River (Snohomish Co.): Night closure
- 40. Tolt River (King Co.): Adjust fishing rules –Steelhead protection (stream strategy)

Group "A" –Adopt Rules as Proposed

Adopt as presented at the September Commission Meeting

- 41. Kennedy Creek (Thurston Co.): Trout catch and release, add selective gear rules
- 42. Chambers Creek (Pierce Co.): Add selective gear rules
- 43. Snohomish River (Snohomish Co.): Allow catch and release Sturgeon fishing

Puget Sound Proposals—Regions 4 & 6

Group A Questions?



Group “B” Adopt Rules as Modified

- 22. Texas Pond (Skagit Co.) daily limit
 - Focus on Brook Trout instead of gamefish
- 24. Black Lake Ditch (Thurston Co.) open in winter for warmwater angling
 - Require selective gear rules
- 32. Chaplain Creek (Snohomish Co.): Close a portion of this stream
 - Language adjusted

Puget Sound Proposals—Regions 4 & 6

Group B Questions?



Group “C” Do Not Adopt

- 25. Mill Pond (King Co.): Adjust fishing rules

Puget Sound Proposals—Regions 4 & 6

Group C Questions?



Coast Proposals



Group "A" –Adopt Rules as Proposed

Adopt as presented at the September Commission Meeting

- 44. Increase fishing opportunity for anglers with lower extremity disabilities
- 45. Adopt selective gear rules for the Naselle River

Coastal Proposals

Group A Questions?



Group “B” Adopt Rules as Modified

- 46. Adopt “no fishing from floating device” rules on select streams
 - No fishing from a floating device with an internal combustion motor
 - No fishing from a floating device on the Hoh River from the Morgan’s Crossing upstream to the park boundary.
- 47. Adopt selective gear rules in north coast Steelhead streams
 - One barbless hook only
 - Bait only during times identified in notebook materials
- 48. Prohibit wild Steelhead harvest

Bait Allowed

River	Location	Dates Open	Bait Allowed
Quilayute	Outside ONP	Year-Round	Year-Round
Dickey	Below Forks	1 st Sat. in June - April 30	October 1 – February 15
Bogachiel	Below Forks	1 st Sat. in June - April 30	October 1 – February 15
Calawah	Below Hwy. 101	1 st Sat. in June - April 30	October 1 – February 15
Sol Duc	Below Hatchery	1 st Sat. in June - April 30	October 1 – February 15
Hoh	Below Oxbow	1 st Sat. in June - April 15	October 1 – February 15
Hoh	Oxbow to Morgan's Crossing	1 st Sat. in June - April 15	October 16 – November 30
Clearwater	Below Snahapish River	1 st Sat. in June - April 15	October 1 – February 15
Salmon	Outside QIN and ONP	1 st Sat. in June – last day in February	September 1 – last day in February
Quinault	Lake to ONP	1 st Sat. in June - April 15	October 1 – February 15

Coastal Proposals

Group B Questions?



Group “C” Do Not Adopt

- 49. Require wild Steelhead harvest tag
 - Requires legislative action

Coastal Proposals

Group C Questions?



Lower Columbia Warmwater Proposal



Group "A" –Adopt Rules as Proposed

Adopt as presented at the September Commission Meeting

- 50. Remove daily limits on warmwater fish in the Columbia River
 - Oregon-Washington border downstream

Lower Columbia Warmwater Proposal

Questions?



Main Motion

Move to adopt permanent amendments to:

- WAC 220-55-220 Two-pole endorsement.
- WAC 220-56-210 Fly fishing.
- WAC 220-56-282 Sturgeon – Areas, seasons, limits and unlawful acts.
- WAC 220-56-510 Game fish possession limits and size limits.
- WAC 220-310-175 Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules – General rules.
- WAC 220-310-180 Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules – Coast.
- WAC 220-310-185 Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules – Southwest.
- WAC 220-310-190 Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules –Puget Sound
- WAC 220-310-195 Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules – Eastside.
- WAC 220-310-200 Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules – Columbia River.

as presented by staff

Amendments

Group “A” Adopt Rules as Proposed

34 Rules

- Not Region Specific: 3,5,6,7,8
- Puget Sound: 14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,23,26, 27,28,29,30,31,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42, 43
- Coast: 44,45
- Lower Columbia Basin: 50

Amendments

Group “B” Adopt Rules as Modified

13 Rules

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Amendments

Group “C” Do Not Adopt

3 Rules

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- 49. Require wild Steelhead harvest tag

Commission adoption of main motion

